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Re: Respond to Patent Official Action Summary. Patent application no. 09/373605

Dear Sir:

I have just received the official action summary dated June 27, 2005. I have attached a copy with this letter for quick reference. The reason for this late receiving of the letter is because I am currently out of the country, and my family didn't give me the letter until now when they come to Taiwan.

During the course of applying for the patent, we have exhaust a large sum of money to our attorney without any progress, and our attorney have discontinued the service and we were told that the patent is unable to be issued. As the result, I have come to Taiwan to work for a living.

After I saw the official summary, I am surprised and frustrated at the same time. Because the summary indicated that the patent is still pending, yet the time for respond is well passed the deadline.

The reason for this letter is to seek for advice as to whether the patent can be reviewed again though the time for responds is passed? Please advice, and Thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,

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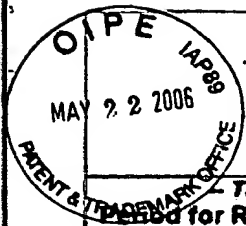
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7590 06/27/2005 Mr. Sean Cheng 243 Las Tunas Drive Arcadia, CA 91007			EXAMINER CERIC, LJILJANA V	
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/373,605	Applicant(s) CHENG ET AL	
Examiner Ljiljana (Lj) V. Ciric <i>AVC</i>	Art Unit 3753	

The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
ended for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.135(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2002; 7 June 2002; 25 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 53-58, 60, 61 and 66-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 53-58, 60, 61 and 66-76 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(e).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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Continued Prosecution Application

1. The request filed on April 30, 2002 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/373,605 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

Response to Amendment/Request for Suspension of Action/Withdrawal of Finality

2. Applicant's request for suspension of action as filed with the aforementioned CPA was under 37 CFR 1.103(c). Please note that a proper request for suspension of action filed with the CPA should have been under 37 CFR 1.103(b), since 37 CFR 1.103(c) applies to the limited suspension of action after a request for continued application (RCE) under 1.114 and not to the limited suspension of action in a continued prosecution application (CPA) filed under 1.53(d) like the instant application.
3. Nevertheless, applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action on the basis that a final rejection should not have been issued within the three-month period following the filing of the CPA and the request for suspension of action as filed therewith is hereby granted, and the finality of that action is being hereby withdrawn.
4. In view of the finality of the Office action mailed on May 20, 2002 being removed, entry of applicant's amendment filed on July 25, 2002 is hereby being acknowledged.

Election/Restrictions

5. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: the first species or the embodiment of Figures 6A and 6B; the second species or the embodiment of Figures 7A and 7B; the third species or the embodiment of Figures 8A and 8B; the fourth species or the embodiment of Figures 9A and 9B; the fifth species or the embodiment of Figures 10A and 10B; the sixth species or the embodiment of Figures 11A and 11B; and, the seventh species or the embodiment of Figures 12A and 12B.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancent, can be reached at 571-272-4930.

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Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 3753



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Effective July 15, 2005

On July 15, 2005, the Central FAX Number will change to **571-273-8300**. This new Central FAX Number is the result of relocating the Central FAX server to the Office's Alexandria, Virginia campus.

Most facsimile-transmitted patent application related correspondence is required to be sent to the Central FAX Number. To give customers time to adjust to the new Central FAX Number, faxes sent to the old number (703-872-9306) ~~will be routed to the new number~~ until September 15, 2005. After September 15, 2005, the old number will no longer be in service and **571-273-8300** will be the only facsimile number recognized for "centralized delivery".

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